



Proclamation

Whereas, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic, unpredictable disease of the central nervous system that affects approximately 2.8 million people worldwide; and

Whereas, MS can affect anyone, regardless of age, race, gender, or background, and people living with MS demonstrate incredible strength and resilience in managing their condition every day; and

Whereas, March has been designated as MS Awareness Month to raise public awareness about the disease, educate communities on its impact, and show solidarity with individuals and families affected by MS; and

Whereas, increasing awareness of MS is vital in fostering understanding, reducing stigma, and encouraging research that will lead to better treatments, improved quality of life, and ultimately, a cure for MS; and

Whereas, the City of Washington supports the rights, dignity, and inclusion of all individuals living with MS and is dedicated to creating a more supportive environment for those affected by the disease; and

Now, therefore, *Lilija Stevens*, Mayor of the City of Washington, Illinois, on behalf of the Washington City Council, proclaims the month of March 2026 as

“Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month”

and urge all residents to join in raising awareness and support for the fight against MS.

Proclaimed this 2nd day of March, 2026

Lilija V. Stevens, Mayor

ATTEST: Valeri L Brod, City Clerk